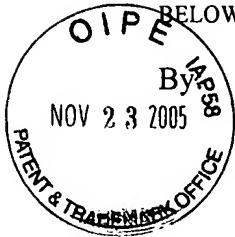


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Title: METHODS FOR EVALUATING STERILIZATION PROCEDURES USING A BIOLOGICAL INDICATOR

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to and including November 23, 2005 for responding to the Office Action of September 23, 2005. A continuation application in lieu of a Response under 37 C.F.R. § 111 in the present application has been filed.

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